

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Adoption of Ordinance No. 599, Establishing a Federal Treasury Forfeiture Fund
DEPARTMENT:	Administrative Services
PRESENTED BY:	Debbie Tarry, Administrative Services Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Chapter 3.35 of the Shoreline Municipal Code captures the information on the City's funds that are used to account for the various revenue and expenditure transactions. Staff is requesting one new fund be added to this chapter.

The Shoreline Police Department participates in joint electronic crimes investigations with federal agencies through a U.S. Treasury Secret Service task force. The City is projecting to receive proceeds from this forfeiture directly from the United States Treasury for joint investigations.

The City is required to segregate these funds and in particular complete an annual financial status report for the receipt and use of federal forfeiture funds. Staff is requesting a distinct fund to track and monitor proceeds for federal forfeitures.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Proposed Ordinance No. 599 would adopt new accounting fund: a Federal Treasury Forfeiture Fund. Appropriation to this fund will be made in proposed Ordinance No. 600. The purpose of this fund will be to receive the proceeds of electronic crimes and use fund proceeds for police related activities.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council approve Ordinance No. 599, amending section 3.35.210 to the Shoreline Municipal Code to establish a Federal Treasury Forfeitures Fund.

Approved By:

City Manager 

City Attorney 

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Ordinance No. 599

ORDINANCE NO. 599

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, UPDATING THE CITY'S FUND STRUCTURE BY ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE FEDERAL TREASURY FORFEITURE FUND; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.35 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.37.010, the City has the authority to establish special purpose funds for the segregation, budgeting, expenditure and accounting for moneys received for special purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Police Department participates in joint electronic crimes investigations with other state and federal agencies resulting in a distribution to Shoreline of seized and forfeited assets according to joint operating agreements with these agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to segregate these funds from other funds of the City and report annually on the receipt and use of funds received from federal cases; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3.35 of the Shoreline Municipal Code should be amended to create an operating fund for the purpose of accounting for federal treasury seizure assets;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. SMC 3.35.210 is amended to read as follows:

.210 Federal criminal drug enforcement forfeitures funds.

A. Federal drug enforcement forfeitures fund.

There is created fund known as the "federal drug enforcement forfeiture fund" to account for funds seized and forfeited during the joint investigations of illegal drug activity with federal agencies.

B. Federal Treasury forfeitures fund.

There is created a fund known as the "Federal Treasury forfeitures fund" to account for funds seized and forfeited during the joint investigations of electronic crime activity with federal agencies.

Section 2. Effective Date, publication. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON April 11, 2011

Mayor Keith A. McGlashan

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Publication Date:

Effective Date:

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